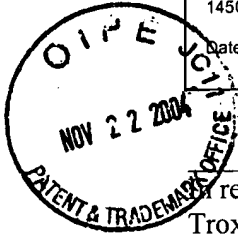


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1 through 21, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The prosecution on the merits has been reopened by a Request for Continued Examination also filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.